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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PERM REP BOTHA CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN BRIEFLY SEPTEMBER 16, PRIOR TO RETURNING HOME FOR HIS FATHER'S FUNERAL. BOTHA INDICATED THAT WHOLE QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN UN WAS AGAIN UP IN THE AIR AND THAT HE WOULD BE REVIEWING MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER IN PRETORIA. IN ANY EVENT, SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOT ATTEND 30TH GA MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

2. BOTHA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR REMARKS MADE DURING SECRETARY'S JULY 14 STATEMENT IN MILWAUKEE. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD "HIGHLIGHT" THEM AGAIN PRIOR TO NEXT WEEK. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN OBSERVED THAT THIS MIGHT MAKE US APPEAR MORE PUGNACIOUS THAN WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND BOTHA AGREED.

3. BOTHA SAID HE HAD CALLED ON GA PRESIDENT THORN PRIOR TO COMING TO SEE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, AND THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THORN WOULD "REITERATE' HAMBRO RULING'". RECITING ANTICIPATED SCENARIO ALOUD, BOTHA SAID
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HE BELIEVED THAT THORN THEN WOULD BE CHALLENGED,

AND CHALLENGE WOULD BE UPHELD. WHAT WOULD THEN
HAPPEN, BOTHA ASKED, IF HE SIMPLY REMAINED IN HIS
SEAT AND ACCEPTED THE PRESIDENT'S RULING RATHER THAN
THAT OF THE MEMBERS? AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SUGGESTED
BOTHA SEEK LEGAL COUNSEL ON THAT POINT.
MOYNIHAN

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